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Dear Chairman Little:

I am writing to express my concern about utility companies throughout Arizona that are gearing up to gouge consumers and hobble the budding solar industry in our State.

Please carefully consider any proposed changes that involve a "Basic Service Charge" increase of 50%. It is my understanding that such charges are really a mandatory fee that must be paid by every customer, even if they are on a limited or fixed income. There is nothing they can do to save on this charge either.


Another concern I have is allowing power companies to impose demand charges. Why are Arizona utilities doing this? As a busy working person, I cannot organize my life around using power during non-peak hours. What if I was a single parent with small children and the need to do multiple loads of laundry every few days? Do I accomplish this after soccer practice, dinner, and helping with homework? Am I supposed to stay up until 1AM to do this chore?

Finally, the Commission should be leading our State into the future and here in Arizona (the real Sunshine State), that future is solar. Utility companies should be doing everything possible to move into the Solar age as opposed to clinging to antiquated and destructive ways of generating power. Drought and climate change (which is real) are making fossil fuels and the water needed for steam turbines and hydroelectric an actual liability to us moving forward. Rooftop solar customers should be supported, not penalized. Let's not be like Nevada and create a business climate where they cannot survive.

Solar energy is innovative, environmentally responsible and creates jobs. Please, don't be held hostage by the Utilities and other corporate interests who would rather go down with the ship than embrace change.

We are depending on you. Docket # E-01345A-16-0036

Sincerely,

  
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